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measure, what her loss will mean to us. She had been for three years president of the Trained Nurses' Association, and on laying down that office last year, took up the arduous duties of secretary and treasurer. Her enthusiastic labours in absolute disregard of herself are an example of unselfish zeal rarely equalled among us and her name will be a loved and honoured one as we press on toward the ideals of nursing and service which upheld her. The August number of the *Nursing Journal of India* will be a Memorial one.

India.

ETHA KLOSZ.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

DEAR EDITOR: In the August number of the JOURNAL there was a letter signed by E. C., protesting against the advertisement of correspondence schools and urging every nurse to write a protest. At the meeting of the Kentucky State Nurses' Association, Emma Hunt offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the secretary send notice to the magazine advertising said schools that the Kentucky State Association protest against such advertising. Miss Hunt is doing the state organization work for the Tuberculosis Commission and works in co-operation with women's clubs through-out the state. She is interesting them in the fight on correspondence schools and is planning for a letter day to be held later when all the members of the Association will send a personal protest to the magazine with such an advertisement.

It would be effective if every association would take the action that Kentucky has, along the same line, so that thousands of letters from all over the country would go in on the same day. I feel that it ought to be put before the readers of the JOURNAL. If we would all coöperate we are strong enough to accomplish a great deal.

Kentucky.

R. F. D.

A RAPID TRANSIT VISIT TO TWO TORONTO HOSPITALS

DEAR EDITOR: Having a limited amount of time and desiring to see as much as I could of the Toronto General and the Children's Hospital, I decided to be satisfied with a walk around the entire square on which the General is situated. I felt myself privileged even to see the splendid building and grounds from the outside. I paid a short and most interesting visit to the Children's Hospital and Nurses' Residence of which I had read so much. I was not disappointed to find it all and more than I expected.

A little later, looking in upon Miss Snively, the pioneer superintendent of nurses of the General, but now retired, whom I had scarcely seen since she had been my head nurse in Bellevue, I found her quite insistant that I should see at least a small part of the new hospital. With a letter of introduction to Miss Gunn, the present superintendent of nurses, I returned to the General through which a rapid tour was undertaken. Now I have visions of spacious corridors, splendid wards, auxilliary and operating rooms and a private patient building separated from all others, in the center of well-kept grounds, with green lawns and flowers. A most immaculate kitchen, with its corps of wholesome looking workers and with facilities for serving many people expeditiously and well, was not overlooked. Everywhere, everything not only denoted a fine building but good housekeeping

as well. A ventilating system, electric lighting and call system with electric clocks all over the building, which are controlled by one main electrical clock, were a few of the chief points noted. One interesting feature was the handsome medicine cabinet near each ward with an electrical alarm when opened.

The tour finally ended at the nurses' home where a cup of tea was enjoyed with Miss Gunn and her staff of assistants. This was, indeed, a cosy place. Sewing on materials for Canadian soliders were the order of the day. One busy nurse was knitting wristlets as she had her tea. The soldiers were already experiencing cold wrists in holding their guns at Quebec. After rest and tea the nurses' quarters were inspected. Everything was in keeping with a comfortable, pleasant home. There were parlors, reading room and pupil nurses' sitting room where the nurses' may assemble in comfortable negligee, and where they may dance, sing, play or visit.

One thought predominated in my mind as I saw so many things in so short a time, How proud the people of Toronto must be of their City Hospital!

New York.

G. M.

TOURIST SLEEPERS

DEAR EDITOR: In the September JOURNAL, in writing of the International Train to San Francisco, Miss Dock says tourist sleepers differ from Pullman only in having rattan, instead of plush. I am sure she is quoting railway officials, for that is always their explanation. Anyone who has travelled in a tourist sleeper knows that the essential difference between that and a Pullman lies in the toilet arrangements. At the women's end of the tourist sleeper there is a very small closet-like wash room, which will hold one person only, and that one person can hardly turn around. At the men's end there are several wash basins in a row, but they are not shut off or screened. When nurses have a car to themselves both ends of it are at their disposal, but even so it is rather hard to make one's toilet comfortably or in privacy.

New York.

ONE OF THE "IMMIGRANTS."

"TWILIGHT SLEEP" AT THE JEWISH MATERNITY HOSPITAL

Dear Editor: With all the various opinions expressed for and against the administration of the scopolamine narkophen anaesthesia for inducing sleep during labor, with many physicians here saying that they had tried it ten or twelve years ago and found it generally unsatisfactory, with others attributing its effect to the physiological impression given by the darkened room and the repeated assertions made to the patient that there would be no pain, with popular magazines sending agents over to the Frauenklinik at Freiburg where Drs. Bernhardt Kronig and Karl Gauss have developed the successful method of "Dammerschlaf" as attested to them by thousands of cases, the Finnish Maternity Hospital, since June 15, has treated about 150 patients with enthusiasm concerning the experience. The work has been carried on at the hospital under the supervision of a young German physician who has spent several years as assistant at the clinic at Freiburg and who came over here for the sole purpose of demonstrating the method.

In the "Twilight Room" all is kept perfectly quiet, the room is darkened, lights shaded and a nurse is always in attendance in that room as the patients' pulse must be carefully watched during the anaesthesia. Three, four and five